"MADONNA OF THE TRAIL"

At Council Grove

National Family Life Week - May 7-14

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In Memory

Dr. Bryan Sewall Stoffer ordained Congregational Minister, President of Washburn Unversity for the past 19 years, died in a Topeka Hospital on March 19 following a long illness. A Memorial Service at Central Congregational Church on March 23 was in charge of Dr. Ned Burr McKenney. Dr. Stoffer, born in 1896, was next to the youngest in a family of nine boys and five girls. He held AB degrees from Ashland and Oberlin Colleges in Ohio. At the University of Chicago he earned an M.A. degree in 1920, a B.D. in 1922 and a Ph.D. in 1932.

Dr. and Mrs. Stoffer sailed for India in 1923 where they served as Missionaries under the American Board for 12 years. Because of illness in the family and the death of their first born Thomas Frederick, the Stoffers returned to America in 1935.

From 1937, until he accepted the presidency of Washburn, Dr. Stoffer was President of Doane College at Crete, Nebraska. Under his leadership, Doane College made great gains.

Under his administration at Washburn the endowment fund has grown from one to five million dollars, the enrollment increased from 710 to 3,100 and new buildings added include Union Memorial Building, Morgan Hall, the new science building and 48 married students apartments.

In the Conference Dr. Stoffer was an active member of the Campus Ministry and Christian Higher Education Fund Committees. He participated in plans of the Campus Ministry committee at the September meeting and was enthusiastic about developments for a united ministry to students at Washburn.

Survivors include Mrs. Freida Stoffer of the home, Dr. Robert Price Stoffer of Halstead and Elizabeth Ann Stoffer of New York City.

Colonel Louis B. Bender, Chairman of Eastern Association Laymen's Fellowship died suddenly at his home in Topeka on Easter Sunday. He had attended morning worship at First Congregational Church where he was an active member. Colonel and Mrs. Bender moved to Topeka from Manhattan five years ago. He was 76 years of age.

Our Cover Picture

This "Madonna of the Trail" statue, to be found at Council Grove on the old Santa Fe trail, seems most fitting this Kansas Centennial year as we face National Family Life Week culminating in the Festival of the Christian Home on Mother's Day, May 14. The Pioneer Mother of Covered Wagon Days faced life in the spirit of daring faith and grim realism. In one hand she grasps the barrel of a musket, in the other arm she holds a babe close to her bosom, and her step is impeded by a second child tugging at her skirts, cringing in fear.

Mothers of 1961 are not typified by this statue. What does typify Motherhood today?

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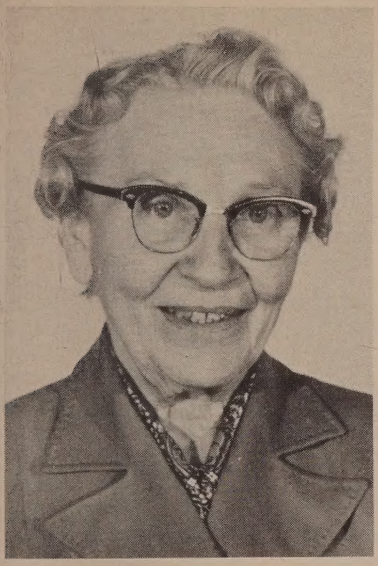


Home Missionary To Kansas

From May 17 thru 15 Mrs. Grace Richards Hansen, Associate Director of Delmo Homes, Lilbourn, Missouri will visit Kansas churches. Mrs. Hansen was born in Nebraska; after completing her education at the University of Nebraska, she taught Home Economics and later worked as Home Agent at Iowa State College.

Mother of three children, Mrs. Hansen has been prominently identified with the 4-H Club Movement and with women's extension groups, helping low-income families with farm and home plans, money management, food and health problems. Mr. and Mrs. Hansen went to Delmo in 1953 and developed the Delmo program together. Mrs. Hansen has carried on as director since her husband's death in 1956.

Delmo, a group of communities bordering the Mississippi River covers part of seven counties in southeast Missouri. The extensive property includes 10 villages. It was purchased in 1945 by a number of Protestant church agencies including our C.C. Town and Country Department of the Board of Home Missions. The project has enabled low-income occupants, both Negro and white, of 550 government-built houses to own their own homes. Had the churches not come to their aid most of these people would have been homeless as the houses had been ordered sold to the highest bidder.

Mrs. Hansen will speak at Topeka First, McPherson, Garden City, Newton, Wichita Plymouth and Topeka Seaman. For others interested in hearing her, there are still two available dates. Write the Conference Office.

The Rev. Roy Hanson, Associate Minister at Topeka First, is especially interested in the Delmo project as he was Director of a Work Camp there last summer.

About Family Camp

Due to a conflict in scheduling at Association Camp, Estes Park, Colorado, the 1961 Kansas Family Camp will begin on Monday, July 17 rather than Sunday July 16. Registration will be from 9 to 10 A.M., Monday the 16th with breakfast as the last meal on Saturday, July 22. Due to this change in starting time (camp has usually begun Sunday afternoon) the cost will be lowered $4.00 per person: adults—$32.00, 7-11 years $22.00, 2-6 years $19.00.

Leadership is listed in the Family Camp Committee report. Brochures will be available soon. Make sure your church is represented at this worthwhile experience in Christian fellowship. George and Kay Dreher are Directors.

Fairmount Festival

In cooperation with the Wichita University School of Music, Fairmount Church is sponsoring a Festival of Religion in the Fine Arts April 21-23.

Workshops will be held in religious music, religious drama and religious painting and drawing. Director of the Festival is Dr. George Wilner, retired Professor of Dramatics at W.U., a long time member of Fairmount Church.

The purpose of this Festival, open to all Kansas young people, is to encourage the use of the fine arts as an expression of religion. Registration fee for Wichita young people is $4.00 and for others is $8.50. For application blanks or further information, write—Fairmount Church, 1650 Fairmount, Wichita, Kansas.

Doane Singers

Sitxy musicians from Doane spent three days in Kansas, March 25-27 presenting concerts in churches and schools. On March 24th they were at our Sabetha church. On Palm Sunday evening they gave a program in the sanctuary of Central Congregational Church in Topeka.

Kansas students in the group included Pat Baker of Osborne, Barbara Cole of Long Island, Barbara Lou Short of Almena, Kenneth Keele of KC Ruby and Bonnie Headrick of Olive Hill.

C.S.A. Institute

The Mid-West Institute at Lakeland College, Sheboygan, Wisconsin will be held July 10-14. For ministers and laymen interested in Christian Action in society and our responsibility in four areas of concern: (1) Next steps toward racial equality. (2) Jewish-Christian relations. (3) Justice and American abundance. (4) The U. N. confronts new problems. The total cost - Monday thru Friday noon is $30.00. A few scholarships are available. Send someone from your church.

SOIL STEWARDSHIP WEEK
May 7-14
The Earth Is The Lord's

Pastors' Schools

Enrolled in the Western Pastors' School at LaForet July 12 - August 9 is the Rev. Charles Aeschliman of Centralia. There is room for one or two more if applications are sent in soon. The outstanding faculty includes Dan Williams, Allen Wehrli, Otis Maxfield, A. E. Gould of England, Will Frazier, Clarence Jordan, Vernon Loescher, Purd Dietz and Frances Eastman.

The Eastern Pastors' School, to be held this year July 12-August 2 at Deering Conference Center, Hillsboro, N.H., is reserved for ministers serving, or ministers interested in serving new churches. The Rev. Robert Rymph of our new Salina Church will attend.

Appreciation Banquet

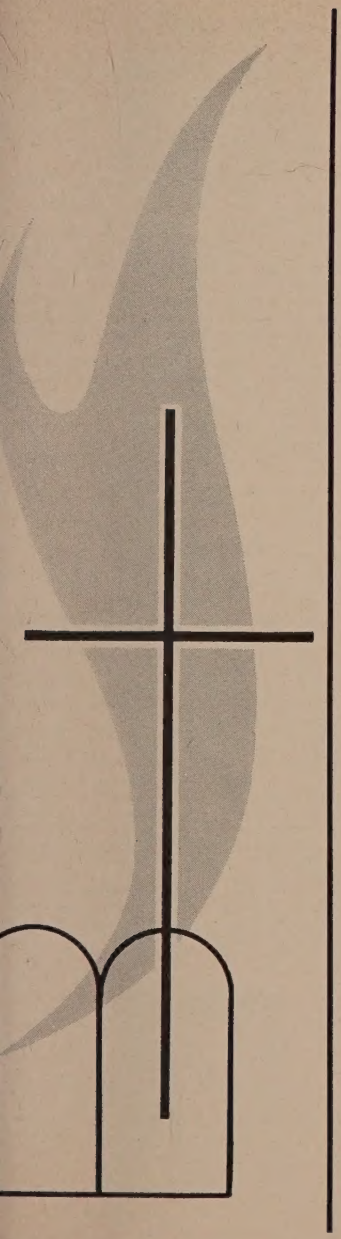
On April 27 KC Welborn will hold its 22nd Annual $5.00 banquet in appreciation of the church. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Gurtler of Ellis will attend.

Newton Charter Membership

On March 12, members of Newton CC and E&R Church became charter members of the United Church of Christ.

Seven Last Words

Both Garden City and KC Ruby report beautiful renditions of this music by Dubois at Palm Sunday Morning Worship services.



REPORTS

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ANNUAL MEETING

April 28-30, 1961

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

LAWRENCE, KANSAS

Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Rymph

Again this year we are bringing you the reports of conference boards and committees through the pages of CONGREGATIONAL KANSAS. We are humbled each year as we take inventory of the work carried on by our voluntary leaders and the time and talent they give to these labors of love. We call special attention to the well deserved recognition of Camden Strain, our Conference Treasurer for the past 17 years, whose day by day services to the Conference are invaluable. The friendship and love of our many co-workers in the cause of the Kingdom are a constant inspiration. In spite of the stresses and strains of this "year of decision," to serve as your leaders has indeed been a privilege and a challenge. We urge you to study carefully these accountings of our work for the past year.

Our Theme

"Ever renewed obedience to the living will of God in the changing circumstances of our day." These words by Daniel Jenkins, a Congregational leader of England, challenge us to take a fresh look and seek new understandings about the meaning of the church. Are you with us on this quest—is your church being challenged by questions that go deeper than organizations and activities, questions that probe into a study of the nature and mission of the church?

Speaking at the recent Mid-Winter Meeting at Buck Hill Falls, Dr. Herman Reissig made this penetrating statement: "Within the contemporary church there are signs of reformation. Complacency about the Christian movement is disappearing. Finding here and there a local church that answers the summons to bold and costly action, seeing little groups within our churches search the Scriptures, ask the radical questions—unimpressed with the irrelevancies of mere numbers and popularity, one knows that the Christian fire has not gone out and that there is at least a chance that the church may once more stir the hearts of men, command their intellects, and exert powerful influence on the currents of history."

Our Mood

May we come to Lawrence in this mood of expectancy, of creativity, and renewal, of soul searching? May we come seeking nurture and discipline as avowed disciples of a common Lord, as His servants in a changing world crying for Christian service and Christian witness? May we come with faith—

"In Jesus Christ, the Man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord,
He has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to Himself.
He bestows upon us His Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the Church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races.
He calls us into His Church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be His servants in the service of men, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at His table, to join Him in His passion and victory."

Involvement

It was a thrill in mid February to have 45 leaders, mostly laymen and women, answer our call to counsel together in Topeka regarding the church as "God's community on earth." It has been an even greater thrill to see 30 of these leaders train diligently to share their insights in the churches of Kansas through an Every Church Visitation. If they have spent an evening with your church officers and leaders, you have been involved in searching studies and evaluations. It is true that we are committed to a decision or action in proportion to the extent we have participated in determining it. For that reason our Conference program is planned to involve every person attending. The Rev. Kenneth Anthony and Dr. Herman H. Long, dedicated leaders in our fellowship, will guide and stimulate our thoughts.

Conclusion

So varied, so dynamic and so demanding is the work before us that we must give "ever renewed obedience to the living will of God in the changing circumstances of our day."

Let us, with a new depth of seriousness seek to discover God's message, and respond by dedicating our lives to the fulfillment of the mission to which God is calling His church today.

Eva Wolford

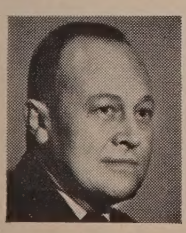
Office Assistant

As Office Assistant, my work is varied and somewhat like the proverbial "Friday" of the old legend. My first obligation, however, is librarian of Audio-visuals and this takes a good portion of my time. Since last April some 775 visual requests have been cared for, along with considerable counsel for special groups and programs. During some of the busiest seasons, the same visuals are requested by so many churches that a "Round Robin" system is used to get them around, and we appreciate the cooperation of our users in carrying through on this method. Indications are that our new catalog has been good advertisement for our wares. Did you know that the Kansas Conference has one of the largest film libraries in our denomination and ranks close to the Missions Council in the amount of distribution and service to C.C. churches?

Stencil cutting rates second in time consumption, with some 280 stencils cut since last April, from which more than 60,000 mimeograph copies were run. Three issues of TOMORROW, the publication of the Christian Education Committee, nine months' mailing of the Women's Fellowship Devotional Service, along with promotional materials for many other program areas, come under the heading of regular obligations. Keeping the subscription list for CONGREGATIONAL KANSAS up to date is almost a daily chore.

I enjoy my association with the Conference and it is a pleasure to know more and more people whose names have long been to me just names on file cards.

Eva Wolford, Office Assistant



Camden Strain

Julian Johnson

Conference Board of Trustees

Highlights of actions taken by the Conference Board of Trustees during my year as Moderator include the following:

A unanimous mail vote of the board early in August to launch the new church project at Salina without delay, through the following actions: (1) To purchase a parsonage at 2045 Ruskin Road in Salina; (2) to make application to the Church Building Society for a loan to purchase an adequate church site; (3) to ask the churches for special gifts in October to help launch this project.

The parsonage was purchased. A loan of $17,100 from the Church Building Society purchased a church site. Gifts of almost $4,000 have been received from churches and individuals, to help with operating costs of the project.

On Palm Sunday 46 had joined the church as charter members and average attendance at Sunday services runs in the 70's.

At our February board meeting we faced with some concern the financial undergirding of the work of our Conference and the National boards in 1961. We are grateful that 41 of our churches accepted the 20% increase asked for 1961 but due to curtailed gifts from some areas the work of Our Christian World Mission this year faces unmet needs.

May I suggest that we amend the rules for one year and elect everyone moderator of the conference. No action would lead to a better understanding of the work done. You too would be amazed with the knowledge and diplomacy required of a Conference Superintendent. In close association with Dr. Rymph this past year I have come to recognize more than ever his able churchmanship.

It was good to work with Alice Huggins, who has learned "by heart" the mission of the church.

Julian Johnson, Moderator

Conference Treasurer

By vote of the Conference Board of Trustees we extend to Camden Strain, Treasurer of the Conference for the past seventeen years, a special note of thanks for his efficient and faithful servce. Statistical reports will be distributed at Conference and will appear in the printed Conference Minutes and Directory book.

Mrs. Carl Georgeson
Conference Assistant

Christian Education

The outstanding event of the year for the Christian Education Committee has been the distribution of the first of the United Church curriculum. The Nursery course, "3's in the Christian Community," was ready for the churches in September. By November 1st, 35 of our Kansas churches had ordered at least introductory sets and many had ordered extra supplies. Much credit is due the Children's Work Committee for this fine introduction of the new curriculum.

The newsletter TOMORROW has been continued on a quarterly basis. The fall meeting of the committee was a joint session with the Evangelical and Reformed Synod C. E. Committee. We were sorry to cancel the workshop scheduled for Russell in November. The lack of interest on the part of the churches seemed to indicate that was the best course of action to take. Displays of educational material have been arranged for the Conference and Association meetings. Members of the committee have made themselves available to explain materials or to answer questions about Christian Education.

This has been a year of study and preparation rather than a great number of scheduled activities. The Christian Education Associates program is progressing somewhat more slowly than had been previously projected. Your Conference Christian Education Assistant spent five days in January at a National workshop at Lisle, N.Y. At this time all Conference Directors and Synod C. E. Chairmen were brought together with the United Church staff members and resource persons. Following this workshop there are to be 18 area workshops of the same general plan. We are a part of Area IX, consisting of Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas Conferences and Synods. Our Workshop will be in early September and our Congregational Christian quota from Kansas is eight persons. These persons are being selected and recruited, keeping in mind not only their talents but a geographical distribution as well. After the September workshop these eight persons will act as leaders in gathering together small area groups for study. We hope that in a short time all of our churches will be represented in these groups. The study groups will have as their purpose: to increase the persons' knowledge of the educational foundations for Christian education, to deepen their understanding of persons, and to learn new skills for leadership so that they may become more effective leaders for the educational mission of the church.

The new Kindergarten course, for the first semester, will be ready for use in the churches this fall. Information for ordering an introductory packet at a reduced price will be found on the last page of the March issue of TOMORROW.

Mrs. Carl Georgeson, Chairman
Mrs. Charles Graves
Mrs. Fred Tavenner
Rev. Roy Hanson
Rev. Edwin Mehlhaff
Rev. Max Thomas

George and Kay Dreher

Family Life Committee

This committee sponsored Family Camp at Estes Park in July, 1960. Attending were 16 camper families and five staff families. Three churches sent representatives for the first time. The 1961 camp will be held July 17-22, again at Association Camp, Estes Park. Registrations will be accepted from about 17 families. Staff families will include the George Drehers (directors), Marcus Emmonses, Sadaichi Asai, and the Loren Matsons, plus a missionary couple to be provided by the Missions Council. Early last fall, Al Evans wrote a letter to the chairman of trustees in every church urging that an item for family camp scholarship be included in the budget, to insure the chance for a deserving family to attend.

The committee published the list prepared by Phyllis Eckleman of books approved for Happy Family Living, Family Worship, Understanding Children, Married Life, and Family Reading Together. The list was mailed to all ministers, family life chairmen, children's workers, and church school superintendents.

The committee enlisted the Family Camp alumni to promote the book list, as well as "Family Night Supper" programs designed for participation by all ages at once; the bi-monthly "Family Devotions," and interest in Family Camp. Alumni met at fall Association sessions and will meet informally at Conference.

The committee hopes you are planning to observe National Family Week, May 7, culminating with a Festival of the Christian Home on May 14th. Thanks to the Conference trustees for increasing the Family Camp subsidy by $100. Remember that camp slides with script are available through the Conference office for use in promoting Family Camp.

George and Kay Dreher
Al and Evelyn Evans
Harry and Marge Hicks

Mrs. Floyd Davidson

Children's Work Committee

The Children's Work Committee was most successful in presenting the first edition of the new United Church curriculum, "3's in the Christian Community." The final count, working in cooperation with E & R leaders, was 189 persons attending from 57 C. C. and E. & R. churches. In addition to, and with assistance from, the Christian Education Committee, we were invited to make a presentation at Doane to the Kansas Women's Fellowship. There were 136 present. Other presentations were made at each of the Women's Association Workshops during the summer and fall. Many local churches then requested presentations to parents and teachers. These were all with ideal room arrangements. (Details appear in TOMORROW, Otcober issue.)

"Make Your Thanksgiving Their Christmas" was initiated in November as a thanks-giving project in church schools for either or both Cotton Valley School, Tuskogee, Alabama, or our community center at Evarts, Kentucky.

Ten goals for measuring progress in Christian Education were suggested by P.O.P. (Program of Progress) in October's TOMORROW.

Individual members have made presentations of other phases of Christian Education throughout the year.

We are now looking forward to the release from the press of the new Kindergarten materials.

Mrs. Floyd Davidson, chairman
Mrs. Paul Heide
Douglas Gunn
Dave Felton

Sadaichi Asai

Christian Social Action Committee

The announcement that Mr. Guy Gebhardt would terminate his role as Conference Christial Social Action Assistant on January 1, 1961, took away a great deal of enthusiasm from our committee, and left us somewhat unprepared to carry on where he had left off.

Last summer Mr. and Mrs. Charles Armstrong of Muscotah, Mr. Edward Wells of Topeka First, and the Rev. Sadaichi Asai of Partridge attended the Midwest C.S.A. Institute at Sheboygan, Wis. Kansas was also represented by two E & R men: the Rev. William Bessmer of Great Bend and the Rev. Dean Roy Miller of Junction City.

Our committee has agreed to cooperate with the Kansas E & R churches in sponsoring the visit of a national CSA staff person in our area.

The chairman also attended the first national meeting of Conference and Synod CSA chairman at St. Paul, Minnesota, September 6-9, 1960.

Rev. Sadaichi Asai, Chairman
Paul Anderson
Mrs. Charles Armstrong
Rev. Dieter Flemming
Gordon Jones
Mrs. Ralph Krone
A. W. McCarter
Guy T. Gebhardt

Myrtle Graves

Kansas Women's Fellowship

How can we measure what nearly 900 women in the Congregational Christian Churches in Kansas can do for His Kingdom in one year? Statistics will say anything we want them to say, but the intangible is beyond measure.

From the things that are being accomplished by the women, we may assume that they know what they are doing. These women who give so many, many volunteer hours are each year becoming better informed about Our Christian World Mission and about the six Departments of Work as set up by the National Fellowship. The reason for this increased information is because more women attend Retreat each year, more packets are used in the local Fellowships, more women receive inspiration and information from the Association Workshops. This year all Associations had well attended Workshops.

Some of the Fellowships have had two ingatherings of their Woman's Gift and have dedicated their Gift. A number of the Fellowships have contributed generously for the work of the Kansas Fellowship. Each local Fellowship has honored their deceased members with an appropriate Memorial and a gift to the Memorial Fund. Friendly Service quotas have been larger than ever but the women have accepted them willingly.

Kansas was represented at the Biennial meeting of the Synodical Women's Guild of the E & R church in Blackburn, Mo.; the Summer Conference of the E & R women at Doane College; the Regional Meeting in Sioux City, Ia.; the State Conference of United Church Women in Manhattan.

This is my third and last report to you, so I will mention some of the organizational changes which we have been trying out. There is a vice president in charge of the Packets, and a vice president who is chairman of Retreat. The Association Workshops are a development which we feel will emphpasize to the women a "sharing of a common concern, a common program and a common task with common objectives."

Mrs. Oscar Bonny, chairman of Evangelism and Spiritual life, organized two prayer Retreats, held in March, under the leadership of Dr. Harold Freer. This spiritual experience of some 60 women will have a great influence in developing and strengthening all of the members of the Kansas Fellowship in growing and maturing as individual Christians.

Because of illness, I have not been able to attend meetings and visit local Fellowships as much as I have done in previous years. Others have stepped in and done things that had to be done; new leadership has been discovered. Some good comes from every lesson we are compelled to learn.

"We strive until the goal is gained, then look for one still unattained. Our records point the course we take to greater records we can make. For hope springs not from what we've done, but from the work we've just begun."

—Myrtle K. Graves (Mrs. Roscoe W.)
President

Edward H. Brantz

Evangelism Committee

This year our committee has studied and discussed ways and means of making our churches more cognizant of the need for witness and outreach in each church's program. Special emphasis in this regard was stressed in letters, at Association meetings and Ministers' Convocation. Dr. Jud gave us much food for thought at Convocation.

Considerable planning and preparation went into organizing a Teaching-Reaching-Preaching Mission for the state. We were disappointed that so few churches responded to this but six in Western Association are participating in the program April 21-27.

Our committee has been greatly concerned with absentee members in this day of mobile population. We urge ministers to assume definite responsibility for members when they move, until they have found a new church home.

—Edward H. Brantz, Chairman
Charles Aeschliman
Robert Baker
A. H. Bartter
Mrs. O. E. Bonny
Ray Haun
Hamlin Miller
Merton Rymph
Robert Waters

Alice M. Huggins

Missionary Education Committee

On rereading the April 1960 report of the committee on missionary education, I am tempted to say, "Just repeat it for this year." Again we have urged that each church should have a local committee on missionary information, again we have recommended the American Board prayer calendar and the letter services. Unfortunately, sometimes people accept appointment on the local missionary committee without being what the Chinese call "hot-hearted" toward its goals. One of the problems is to inspire and inform the members of the local committees.

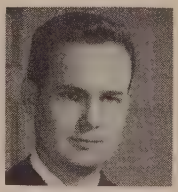
We have made no distinct drive about the **United Church Herald** or **Congregational Kansas.** We have announced and distributed to those who asked for them: **This Is My Family, The Stewardship of The National Boards,** and the new **Guide For The Local Missionary Committee.** The coldest churches were the ones left out of the distribution.

Strongly furthering the same ends we as a committee are working for, have been Allied Enlistment and The Christian Higher Education Fund, both carried on by the Conference and led by others than the members of our committee. In the same category is the Every Church Visitation which, thanks to the devotion of many people, has been a much larger accomplishment than the few members of our committee could have brought about. The committee has very little esprit de corps and hardly feels that it has met, but every individual member is working loyally in these larger projects.

As I reported last year, what we do is all right. But to do our share toward raising $11,500,000 in 1962 in addition to finishing the Christian Higher Education Fund commitments is going to require increased momentum. Such a step-up is not at all impossible. It isn't even unreasonable when we look at what needs to be done and our resources for doing it.

Here is one simple technique which would help us, out of all proportion to the effort involved. We should check our giving, as individuals, as churches, as groups in churches, to be sure we are always driving toward our main goal—Our Christian World Mission. I am advocating that we limit our giving to the things for which we will get credit. This is not for the purpose of getting credit. But the fact is that we get credit for everything that hits the bulls' eye, and so this is an easy test. It is going to be hard enough to raise our quota. We can't afford to be shooting off at tangents. Some people feel that those peripheral items are "more interesting." I think we'll find that the objects of OCWM giving are just as interesting if we know as much about them. They have stood the test of very critical study by our Boards before we have been asked to support them.

—Alice M. Huggins, Chairman



Paul R. Davis

Committee on the Ministry

The Committee on the Ministry is now establishing a program of personal contact between those young people showing interest in a Christian vocation and individuals in their local churches. The plan is that each young person who is concerned for full-time Christian service will be personally sought out, either by letter or in person, by someone in his local church or in his vicinity. At present the thinking of the committee is that cultivation of our future ministers, directors of Christian education, missionaries, and others in the work of the church will best occur through the personal concern of individuals. This is a year-round process. It requires background planning, but the essential key to the process is what takes place between individuals. For this plan to work, the help of many men and women in our churches will be required. Even now those men and women are being sought by the committee, and on their consent to be vitally concerned will rest the success of this approach to cultivation of the young for the work of the Church.

—Paul R. Davis, Chairman
Rev. Marvin Ediger
Rev. A. H. Bartter
Rev. Malcolm White
Rev. Robert Gurtler
Rev. Harald Wisegarver
Rev. Max Thomas

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

Budget - 1961

51½% For Service Through Missionary Boards

American Board	18½%	$21,378.18	
Board of Home Missions	18½%	$21,378.18	
Council for Social Action	2¾%	3,177.84	
Cong'l Service Committee	5½%	6,355.67	
Annuity Fund	6¼%	7,222.36	$59,512.23

48½% For Service Through Kansas C. C. Conference-Missionary Work In Kansas

Aided Churches	$ 3,500.00	
Audio Visual Service	400.00	
Campus Ministry	4,500.00	
Christian Education Leadership, etc.	500.00	
Church Extension in Kansas	15,000.00	
Congregational Kansas Subsidy	400.00	
Family Camp Subsidy	400.00	
Guest Leaders and Itineraries	250.00	
Laymen's Fellowship Subsidy	500.00	
Literature	300.00	
Ministers' Convocation	150.00	
Women's Fellowship Subsidy	300.00	$26,200.00

Denominational And Interdenominational Work

Contributions: Chicago Theo. Seminary	$ 250.00	
Cong'l Historical Society	25.00	
Doane College	750.00	
Personnel Records - Ministers	150.00	
Yankton Theol. Seminary	100.00	
Promotion and Fellowship	700.00	
Representatives - Fellowship Meetings	400.00	
State Conference Printed Minutes	300.00	
State Conference Meeting Expense	400.00	$ 3,075.00

Service Through Administration & Promotion

Annuity: Superintendent	885.00		
Board of Trustees & Comm. Exp.	1,200.00		
Field Expense: Superintendent	2,000.00		
Secretary	500.00		
Assistant - C.S.A.			
Assistant - Christian Education	450.00		
Miscellaneous	200.00		
Office Expense:			
Rent: upkeep, air cond., improvements	1,200.00		
Supplies & Equipment	800.00		
Postage & Express	900.00		
Telephone & Telegrams	900.00		
Parsonage Utilities	450.00		
Salaries: Superintendent	7,000.00		
Secretary	4,000.00		
Office Assistant	3,600.00		
Assistant in Chr. Education - part time	900.00		
Extra Help	1,000.00		
Social Security: Secretary & Office Assistant	285.00		
State Parsonage—Upkeep, Improvements-Ins.	$ 500.00	$26,770.00	$56,045.50
			$115,557.73

NOTE: Contributions to the World Council, the National Council of Churches, the General Council, the Kansas Council of Churches and Associations are made from Per Capita account.

Mr. Al Miville, OCWM Chairman
Mr. Carl Althaus, Budget Chairman

Floyd Davidson

Every Church Visitation

Thirty-two of our Kansas church people are giving of their time and energy in very busy schedules to make up teams to visit every one of our churches.

The purpose? To help our churches recover more fully their identity as **The People of God** who exist for **Mission.** To help each church assess its own program in the light of Mission objectives and discover resources for accomplishing those objectives. To lay before the churches the great emerging needs of Our Christian World Mission. To help churches face the results of our present support of our Mission and the challenge of Christian opportunities.

In this visitation the wisdom of incorporating our Christian Higher Education Fund giving into our Apportionment is being considered.

Kansas Christian Higher Education Fund declarations to date total $105,750. To March 15th, $49,680 had been paid. Of this total paid in, $1,805.00 represents contributions above the amount declared.

"We believe that the Church of Christ faces in the next decade or two some of the greatest tests it has ever had in its long history. God needs today, as never before, a new breed of people—a people awake, alert, obedient to do His will, ready for service anywhere, prepared for any sacrifice. This new age requires a new image of the Church. It requires utterly new patterns of thinking, and new patterns of giving."

—Floyd Davidson, Chairman

Carl Althaus, Budget Chairman

Church Extension Committee

Our Church Extension project for this year has been the establishment of the Rolling Hills Congregational Church in Salina. We rejoice in the rapid progress of this new church under the leadership of its first minister, Rev. Robert Rymph, who began his service there in January, 1961. The Conference and the Board of Home Missions have cooperated in purchasing a very attractive parsonage and an unusually fine site for the church building in a new and promising section of the city. We are grateful to a number of churches and individuals in the Conference who have made special gifts for this project, and we congratulate the people of the Rolling Hills Church for their faith, enthusiasm, and rapid achievement.

The Committee has under active consideration a number of other areas in the state where churches of our order seem to be needed, and looks forward as funds are available to the establishment of other churches.

—Ned Burr McKenney, Chairman

Ned Burr McKenney

United Church of Christ

Our Kansas churches have established an enviable record of studying and voting upon the proposed constitution of the United Church. As of this writing (March 17), 52 of our churches have already voted, 47 "for", and five "against." Seven more churches have set their date for voting in the near future. The other 19 churches, in almost every instance, have indicated that they will be voting before the deadline, June 1st.

Our percentage in Kansas is overwhelmingly in favor of the United Church, currently running as it is throughout the nation in excess of 90 percent.

There seems to be no doubt but that the constitution will be ratified and declared in force by the General Synod early in July. This means that as a Conference we shall be called up to act as a Conference of the United Church of Christ pending the realignment of Conferences and Synods as permanent Conferences and Synods of the United Church. Consequently, some important actions making this possible will need to be taken at our 1961 Conference session and the spring meetings of the Associations.

Your committee has also met several times with a similar committee of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches in Kansas. This joint committee has al-

ready done a good deal of the preparatory work necessary to organize the Kansas Conference of the United Church. We anticipate that this Conference may well become a reality within the next year or so.

—Ned Burr McKenney, Chairman
Roscoe W. Graves, Daniel R. Hopkins, Paul R. Davis, Mrs. Chas. Gunn, L. M. Rymph

Francis Turpin

Town and Country Committee

The Rev. Louis Poppe, chairman of this committee, was forced to resign early in the year because of illness. I was asked to substitute for him at the National Conference on Town and Country Work, held at West Richfield, Ohio, Sept. 20-21. We found that the problems which our churches think are unique to them are common over large areas of the country.

As new chairman for Kansas, I recruited a delegation to attend the National Convocation in Denver, Oct. 18-20. The U.C.C. delegation was the largest present. At a separate session, U.C.C. delegates heard reports and descriptions of unusual and interesting ministries being carried out by the uniting denominations in the Great Plains. The T & C Committee is involved in the Kansas Council of Churches Division of Church Planning. A meeting of our committee with the Kansas City Synod committee is also planned.

—Francis Turpin, Chairman

O. T. Meador

Chicago Theological Seminary Visitor

It is well known that a large portion of our ministers come to us from other denominations. This means that for the most part they have been reared and trained in other traditions and seminaries. While we are glad to welcome them into our fellowship and have been greatly enriched by their work and service, we have failed in our duty to do more toward training our own.

Chicago Theological Seminary has done, and is doing, a good work in this field. It will do more if we make it possible. The Federated Theological Faculty is being dissolved and it now becomes necessary for us to find and maintain our faculty.

The Seminary is asking each local church in this area to give an amount equal to 1% of its budget for this cause. This certainly is a reasonable amount—many churches will want to do more.

Ask yourself how many ministers your church has produced in its lifetime. Most of you will find that you have "used up" many more ministers than you have "raised up." Hence, we should feel ourselves in debt—a debt we can only repay as we invest our money in theological education and in finding among our young people those who should enter into Christian life service.

C.T.S. is ready to go. The speed and effectiveness of its future program is largely up to us.

—O. T. Meador, Visitor

Alfred H. Bartter

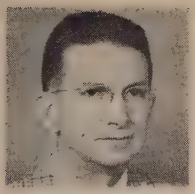
Kansas Council of Churches

We have been proud to work this past year under the fine leadership of Dr. Ned B. McKenney as president, at a time when the Council is facing critical problems of finance and reorganization as well as the challenges of an ecumenical program adequate to our day.

The Council's work is in six major fields: Christian Education, Institutional Ministry, Social Relations, Church planning and Cooperation, Missions and CWS-CROP.

New ventures the past year include a ministry to migrants in the Garden City area, a stepped-up program for collecting good used clothing for the desperate needs overseas, and intensive study of ways in which Protestant Churches in Kansas can work cooperatively in Kingdom Building.

—A. H. Bartter; Malcolm V. White



Charles Gunn

W. C. Kampschroeder

Kansas Laymen's Fellowship

A high point for 1960 was achieved at the Seventh Annual Laymen's Workshop. More than 170 laymen met at Great Bend on Sept. 17-18. They represented 36 CC and 6 E&R churches. The guest leaders were great. Our sincere thanks go to Ned McKenney, Walter Giersbach, and Ralph Shrader. This was a time for learning the mission of the church. Everett Cowan has again prepared a wonderful record of the workshop. We are a fortunate conference to have Everett in our fellowship.

While remembering the lessons of the past, we should place even more emphasis upon opportunities of the future. The Eighth Annual Laymen's Workshop, scheduled for Sept. 16-17, 1961 at Central Church, Topeka, will be such an opportunity. You can learn a lot at these workshops but only if YOU participate.

The National Churchmen's Fellowship (CC and E&R) met in their second annual meeting at St. Louis on Aug. 25-27. Wes Santee of Lawrence and Raymond Bell of McPherson were other Kansas laymen who attended. Here I had my first contact with the art of hymnody. Rev. Al Ronander's winsome method of introducing hymns made the singing a highlight.

The Mid-Winter meeting of the Missions Council at Buck Hill Falls Pa., Jan. 25 to Feb. 2, 1961 was a time of history-in-the-making. We have marked time too long in providing financially for our responsibilities as a denomination. This is the year we must act.

Every man holding membership in a Kansas C.C. church is a member of the State and National Laymen's Fellowship. As members of the Laymen's Fellowship and as effective Christians we should know the answers to at least three questions: (1) what is the Church in which we hold membership? (2) What is the Mission of the Church? (3) What do I do about it?

Are we, as laymen, changing ourselves to meet the "changing circumstances of our day"?

—Charles Gunn, President
Tsuneo Tajima, Vice President
Carl Fisher, Secretary-Treasurer

Campus Ministry

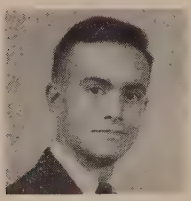
The Campus Ministry Committee reports a challenging year. We are especially pleased to report that Plymouth Church, Lawrence, employed a full-time Campus Minister, as of September, 1960, who is part of the professional staff. His office is in the church but he is privileged to have conference facilities in the Student Union Building, Kansas University. Funds for this ministry are provided by the local church plus assistance from the State Conferences and national bodies of both the CC and E&R churches.

In September, it was decided that professional help was needed in order to approach solutions to Campus ministry problems on an ecumenical basis. Contact was made through consultations with representatives of the United Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ, Evangelical United Brethren and the United Presbyterian Church. All agreed that an invitation be extended to Hart Helmich of the National Council of Churches to spend a week visiting these Kansas colleges: Kansas University, Kansas State University, Washburn Municipal University, and Wichita Municipal University. Hart Helmich did spend the week of March 6 visiting these universities. The committee expects to receive written reports and recommendations at an early date. From conversations at the time of the visitation, we feel that much progress may be made in the not-too-distant future as to an ecumenical Campus Ministry at Washburn Municipal and Kansas State Universities. There are heartening signs that the United Campus Christian Fellowship will become a reality. If this materializes, it would be logical to follow with an effective ecumenical Campus Ministry program. Wichita University still serves as our best example in approaching Campus Ministry problems on an ecumenical basis.

Presently Central Congregational Church, along with the cooperation of Seaman, Seabrook, and First Congregational Churches in Topeka, sponsors a Washburn Fellowship. Some 20 students are in the group. There is real promise for an ecumenical campus ministry program at Washburn. More study is needed. Student work at Emporia State Teachers College is carried on by the minister of the First Congregational Church.

Our conference continues to assist with student work at Hays State College by making a small contribution to the Presbyterian Church there.

—W. C. Kampschroeder, Chairman
Mrs. Ray Ahrens, Secretary
Rev. Ron Smith
Rev. John D. Fitzgerald
Rev. Julian Johnson
Mr. Gilbert Ulmer
Rev. Steve Williams
Mr. Douglas Gunn



C. Douglas Gunn

Kansas United Student Fellowship

This year has been one of transition for United Student Fellowship. It began last summer with a uniting assembly at Columbia, Mo., where four national student groups (Presbyterian, Disciples, EUB, and UCC) formed one United Campus Christian Fellowship.

For the rest of the year, State Officers of U.S.F. worked to bring about a union on the state or regional level. These conversations included a four-denomination retreat at Camp Wood, and culminated in a regional uniting assembly March 11 at Marion, Kansas when our United Student Fellowship voted to enter into the U.C.C.F. on the regional level.

I want to express my thanks to Ron Smith, our new state sponsor, and to our U.S.F. officers for their hard work in helping make this united program a reality.

—C. Douglas Gunn, President
Cindy Ewing, Secretary
Sally Wanmer, Treasurer

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

A major artery of Kansas Congregationalism is our Pilgrim Fellowship. The power generating from and flowing through our youth is a constant source of inspiration and hope for a better "space-age" tomorrow.

A key experience this past year has been the quest for deeper meanings of our State P.F. Program. Progress is evidenced in three areas: 1) State Rally's theme on "The Art of Worship," attended by 250 plus at Lawrence. 2) Exploration of Camping philosophy and Camp site. 3) The attention given "youth concerns" at Ministers' Convocation.

Valuable experiences are anticipated in camp sessions and the P & T Conference this summer.

The dates are:

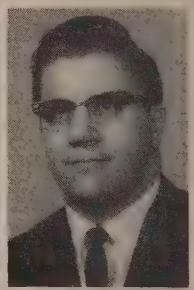
Junior Hi Camp	May 28-June 3
Senior Hi Camp	June 4-10
Middler Camp	June 11-17
Junior Hi Camp	June 18-24
P and T - Doane	August 21-24

We lay, as a definite challenge, two concerns upon your sense of commitment and stewardship. First, we have dire need, annually, of camp leadership, especially women. Will you cultivate your church to respond? Secondly, we do have need of camp site facilities. Wa-Shun-Ga limits us as to time, and facilities will not permit us to carry out as effective a program as we would like and need.

We enlist and covet your response to the needs of our P.F. Program.

Edwin Mehlhaff - State Sponsor

Jerry Adkins



Edwin Mehlhaff

The State and Association officers elected at our annual session held at Doane in late August, met at the Rymphs in Topeka on Sept. 4 and 5, to outline our year's work. We accepted a goal of $5500.00 for Christian Action. From this fund raised through Christian Action pledges and Work Day for Christ participation by local P.F.'s, $900.00 is allocated for scholarships for men prepapring for the Christian ministry. To date 36 P.F. groups have contributed $1,716 00 through Work Days for Christ. State Commission Chairmen with the help of Association Assistants have put out eight newsletters containing Program helps, News and Information. Youth Week was observed in many churches and Spring Rallies were held in all three Associations.

—Jerry L. Adkins, State President

Kansas Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Roscoe W. Graves, President

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Fellowship Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. Alida Wait
By Towanda Fellowship

Mrs. Lawrence Holland
By Kansas City Ruby Fellowship

Mrs. Lydia Satterthwaite
By Udall Fellowship

Mrs. Drex Burke
Mrs. Myrtle Vickrey
Mrs. James Kelly
Mrs. William Hiskey
By Sabetha Fellowship

Mrs. A. E. Smolt
By Newton Fellowship

Mrs. Amy Hyde
Mrs. Olive Woolpert
Mrs. Eva Arnold
By Topeka Seaman Fellowship

Mrs. Minnie Fleet
By Sedgwick Fellowship

Mrs. Mollie Sullivan
By Kansas City Welborn Fellowship

Mrs. George R. Pflaum
Peggy Ann Scott
Mrs. George D. Cowan
By Emporia First Fellowship

Mrs. Martha Rushton
By Dover Fellowship

Mrs. Myrtle Young
By Ellis Fellowship

Mrs. J. P. Wahle
By Topeka Central Fellowship

Mrs. Laura Vautravers
By Onaga Fellowship

Mrs. Florence Penner
Mrs. Pearl Smith
By Whitewater Fellowship

Mrs. Della Kregar
Mrs. Martha Pocock
By Wakefield Fellowship

Mrs. Fannie R. Glatthaar
By Lawrence Fellowship

Olive Rainey
Ella Marsh
By Wichita Fairmount Fellowship

Memorial Fund Honor Roll

Will you be a committee of one to see if your church has sent the names of women to be added to the Memorial Fund Honor Roll? Many groups have had a service honoring the women who have passed on during the year and have sent in the names and offering. Relatives and friends will be glad to know the women of your church have honored their loved one. Send names or offerings to me.

Mrs. Alfred H. Bartter,
Sec'y Memorial Fund

Christian Education

Christian Education is a Family Affair. This is the time of year for all Christian Education Chairmen to take inventory of their year's work. What have we accomplished?

I hope you are busy with plans for Vacation Bible School - encouraging young people to attend youth camps - the women to go to Retreat - and families to attend Family Camp.

Are the families in your church, with school aged children, using the Family Devotions? This is one way to encourage a closer family life.

Let us remember that we are all, adults as well as children and youth, a part of the program of Christian Education. We are all learners in the Christian Faith, as well as teachers, so let us be sure our acts teach what we would have them teach.

Mrs. Carl Brinkmeyer,
State C. E. Chairman

Isely's Coming Home

It was forty years ago last October that we sailed from Wichita and Fairmount Church, for our adopted homeland. During this time we have had four furloughs. Now, our retirement is upon us and we will leave the mission in June. We will see some of Europe and arrive in Boston by the last of August 1961. Naturally we have mixed emotions as to leaving this land in which we have seen two major historic developments. The first was under the great Ataturk in the early 1920's, and the last, May 27, 1960, was a bloodless coup to return the country to Ataturk's ideals. We have great hopes for this country's growing democracy, where new methods and ways are being tried and tested. The Turks are realists and are not afraid of, nor will they permit the Communists to work in this land.

The picture of Turkey as we now see it, despite its many problems, is one of the most anti-Communist governments and lands in the Near-East. It looks mostly to the West for its political ideals, especially America. We look forward to real progress in the days ahead, when the new Constitution is adopted, and the government again gets back to a democratic system. Yet, one should not expect that to happen too soon, as the problems of government constitutional rights were so upset by the previous administration. The action of May 27, 1960 as I see it, saved this land from both Civil war and going behind the iron curtain.

As we are preparing to leave, we see the great opportunities and needs for new and more personnel, as well as funds, to lift our Witness. Right now, we are still urgently requesting another American Doctor and another American nurse. Can't you locate just the right persons and get them in touch with Miss Margaret Blemker, Near East Secretary of the American Board, 14 Beacon St., Boston 8, Mass.

As you know our three children naturally became six, and have added 8 grandchildren, 7 boys and 1 girl to our family. Next year we expect to make our home with Mildred's mother, Mrs. Mary L. Green, age 02, at 1638 Arkansas Ave., Wichita, Kansas.

Merrill and Mildred Isely

One Devoted Woman

Miss Clara Johnston, retired school teacher and active member of Central Church, Topeka, died recently. But the influence of the Good Reading Club which she organized in 1921 and carried thru each Sunday evening for 20 years will be felt for years to come.

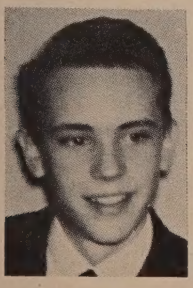
Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Jerry Adkins, President — **Mary Faith Evans, Secretary**

"Youth" Magazine Quotes Kansan

The April 2 issue of "Youth" gives brief interpretations of the meaning of Communion from eight young people across the country. The following from Phil Nicholson of our Ellis P.F. is very significant:

"Holy Communion has always been a source of friction between denominations" is the reminder of Philip Nicholson, 16, Ellis, Kansas. "There are those who regard the partaking of bread and wine as the actual transformation into the body and blood of Christ. This belief would seem to me to be erroneous and irrelevant to the meaning of the ceremony. I believe that the purpose of communion is remembrance - remembrance of the life and death of the greatest of religious examples. In the solemnity of this service the forgetfulness that plagues our everyday life is replaced by a renewed faith and a promise in our hearts to be better Christians and to strive to follow more closely the high ideals for which Christ died."



Buddy See
Vice President—Kansas P.F.

Camp Guest
Tetusi Yamada, pictured above, student from Japan, now enrolled at K-State in Manhattan, will be a guest at three Wa-Shun-Ga Camps.

Whitewater Pilgrim Fellowship

On Palm Sunday, Whitewater Pilgrims sponsored a worthwhile evening program for all members of the church. At 6:30 they offered a sacrificial supper with the proceeds to go to Christian Action projects. From 7 to 7:30 all observed quiet meditation in the sanctuary, interspersed by scripture reading, with a background of organ and piano music. Following the singing of vesper hymns, poems and a flute solo, Allen Zuercher, Senior President, introduced the film "Return to Nazareth". The congregation left in silence following a Rhythmic Choir interpretation of "The Lord's Prayer".

The Charles Holbrook Library
Pacific School of Religion
1708 Scenic Ave.
Berkeley 9, Calif.

United Church Youth Rally

On February 12 Seneca Pilgrims were hosts to young people from Centralia, Muscotah, Sabetha, Marysville, Friedens and Hiawatha. This northeast Kansas youth group which meets quarterly reports very worthwhile meetings. Rev. and Mrs. G. Waldo Crippen are sponsors at Seneca.

Power

This new guide for Daily Devotions for Youth, recommended by U.C.Y.M. is published jointly by the United Church of Christ, the Methodists, Disciples of Christ, Evangelical United Brethren and Protestant Episcopal churches. Cost is 75¢ per year, published quarterly. Order from Pilgrim Press.

Easter Sunrise

Dr. Walter G. Couch, Jr., Minister at Wichita Plymouth brought the message at the sunrise service sponsored by U.C.Y.M. of Wichita at 6 A.M. on Easter Sunday. Music for the service, held at the Fine Arts Center at W.U. was furnished by a special Youth Choir.

Audio-Visuals

Suggested visuals for use during Festival of Christian Home Week—May 7-14 including Mother's Day.

Family Worship: FSRC
Family Give And Take: FSRC
Family Togetherness: FSRC
Family Recreation: FSRC
Family On Trial: FSR
Famly Affair: FSR
For The Record: FSR
No Easy Answer: FSR
A Harvest From Holidays: FSR
Happy Times At Home: FSS
Happily Even After: FSS

A new sound filmstrip on order which will be in our library soon is:

Learning Church Manners: FSRC

When the custodian reprimands 2 boys for running and playing in the church, the boys go to their parents to find out what they have done wrong. They are led to a better understanding of how to act in church.

Reservations for Audio-Visuals to be used in Vacation Bible Schools should be made **immediately** to avoid disappointment.

CAMP WA-SHUN-GA SLIDES AVAILABLE